Indiana Department of Natural Resources

Division of Fish & Wildlife

Wilbur Wright Fish & Wildlife Area Frequently Asked Questions

When is your office open?

Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

• Do you operate on Eastern time or Central time?

Eastern time.

Do you allow deer stands to be put up on the property?

Yes. Tree stands may be left overnight between Sept. 1 and Jan. 10.

Do I need to check in to hunt?

Yes. You must sign in and get a permit card at the self-registration area on the office porch.

What time is check-in on opening weekend of deer firearms season?

Check-in begins at 5 a.m. The number of hunters is limited to the first 40.

When is the trapping drawing?

The trapping drawing is 10 a.m. on the first Saturday in October. Trappers must apply in person at the office by 2:30 p.m. on the first Friday in October. A trapping license is required to apply.

Can I hunt mushrooms on the property and do I have to sign in?

Yes you can. There is no sign-in. Mushroom hunting is restricted during the spring turkey season until after 1 p.m.

• Do I have to sign in to scout, fish, hike, wildlife watch?

No.

Is there a shooting range on this property and is there a fee?

Yes, there is a shooting range. There is no fee. Refer to the shooting range link for shooting range hours.

Does this property offer any special youth hunting/shooting events?

Not at this time.

Can I treasure hunt, dig or surface collect?

No.

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Is camping allowed on Wilbur Wright FWA?
No.

Is waterfowl hunting allowed at Province Pond WCA?

Yes. With the exception of opening weekend in October, hunters may check in at the self-registration booth on County Road 125 W. Opportunities on opening weekend are reserved. See "Register for a Reserved Hunt" on the DFW page.

• When can I fish for trout in Big Blue River?

Trout fishing begins at 6 a.m. the last Saturday in April. There is no fishing allowed in Big Blue River from April 15 until the last Saturday in April. See Fishing Regulation Guide for further information.